

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

In the matter of:

JOHN B. MATTHEW

Application No. PCT/US98/16974

Filed: 17 AUG 98

For: Papermaking Refiner Plates & Method of Manufacture

Hon. Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks  
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

DECLARATION

John B. Matthew, a citizen of the United States, residing at 21 East Rocks Road, Norwalk, Conn., 06851, hereby declares, with effect as of August 17, 1998 that:

I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Papermaking Refiner Plates & Method of Manufacture described and claimed in Patent Cooperation Treaty application PCT/US98/16974 filed 17 August 1998.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code Sec. 119 of foreign applications for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

NONE

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that the statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false

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*1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.*

*We respectfully request that this letter and the submitted Declaration be regarded as fully responsive to the Notification of June 30, 2000.*

*Dated 13 July 2000  
at Stamford, Connecticut.*

*Respectfully submitted,*



*Patrick J. Walsh  
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